

House Study Bill 236

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing a contingent appropriation from the Iowa
2 economic emergency fund to address the effects of a major
3 disaster.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29C.20B MAJOR DISASTER
1 2 ASSISTANCE == APPROPRIATION.
1 3 1. If the president of the United States, at the request
1 4 of the governor, has declared a major disaster to exist in
1 5 this state, not more than one-third of the unencumbered,
1 6 unobligated balance of the Iowa economic emergency fund as of
1 7 the issuance date of the executive council's determination in
1 8 accordance with this subsection, is appropriated to the
1 9 department of management to be used in accordance with this
1 10 section to address necessary disaster-related expenses,
1 11 serious needs, or other assistance for citizens of this state
1 12 who are adversely affected by the major disaster. The
1 13 appropriation made in this subsection is contingent upon the
1 14 executive council issuing a determination that the expenses,
1 15 needs, and other assistance to be addressed by the
1 16 appropriation are within the purposes authorized in subsection
1 17 2 and cannot be funded by any other source.
1 18 2. The amount appropriated in this section shall only be
1 19 used for one or more of the following:
1 20 a. For providing funding for the department of economic
1 21 development to implement a small business disaster recovery
1 22 financial assistance program to provide financial assistance
1 23 to eligible businesses that sustained physical damage or
1 24 economic loss due to the major disaster.
1 25 b. For providing funding to the Iowa finance authority to
1 26 implement a housing assistance program to provide grants to
1 27 local government participants for purposes of funding housing
1 28 needs relating to the major disaster. The housing needs
1 29 addressed by the funding may include forgivable loans for down
1 30 payment assistance, emergency housing repair or
1 31 rehabilitation, and interim mortgage assistance.
1 32 c. For providing funding to the department of human
1 33 services for grants to reimburse families located in the area
1 34 of the major disaster for unmet needs. The unmet needs
1 35 addressed by the grants may include expenses associated with
2 1 personal property, home repair, food assistance, mental health
2 2 assistance, child care, and temporary housing.
2 3 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
2 4 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
2 5 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
2 6 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until
2 7 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.
2 8 Sec. 2. Section 8.55, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
2 9 2009, is amended to read as follows:
2 10 a. Except as provided in paragraphs "b" and "c", and as
2 11 authorized in section 29C.20B for a major disaster, the moneys
2 12 in the Iowa economic emergency fund shall only be used
2 13 pursuant to an appropriation made by the general assembly. An
2 14 appropriation shall only be made for the fiscal year in which
2 15 the appropriation is made. The moneys shall only be
2 16 appropriated by the general assembly for emergency
2 17 expenditures.

EXPLANATION

2 18
2 19 This bill provides a contingent appropriation from the Iowa

2 20 economic emergency fund in new Code section 29C.20B to address
2 21 the effects of a major disaster. The appropriation amount is
2 22 limited to not more than one-third of the amount available in
2 23 the fund.
2 24 The appropriation is contingent upon the president of the
2 25 United States having declared a major disaster to exist in
2 26 this state and the executive council issuing a determination
2 27 that the expenses, needs, and other assistance to be addressed
2 28 by the appropriation cannot be funded by any other source.
2 29 The appropriation can only be used for addressing necessary
2 30 disaster-related expenses, serious needs, or other assistance
2 31 for citizens of this state who are adversely affected by the
2 32 major disaster through one or more of the following authorized
2 33 purposes: a small business assistance program administered by
2 34 the department of economic development, a housing assistance
2 35 program administered by the Iowa finance authority, or a
3 1 family assistance program administered by the department of
3 2 human services.
3 3 Code section 8.55, creating the Iowa economic emergency
3 4 fund, is amended to reference the contingent appropriation in
3 5 the bill as an authorized use for the fund.
3 6 A nonreversion clause provides that the amount appropriated
3 7 for a fiscal year does not revert until the close of the
3 8 succeeding fiscal year.
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